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**Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1
on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 20 February 2008
at the 1018th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)¹*

Appendix 5: Model plan for annual reports

Annual report for the year 2017

Annual reports should describe the changes that have taken place since the previous year in dynamic terms of management and function and not be limited to basic data. Any new text or map introducing a change in the situation of the area should be attached to the annual report.

State: Germany

Name of the area: Deutsch-Luxemburgischer Naturpark

Year and number of years since the award or renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas:
1973, 9 years.

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¹ As amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2014)2 on 2 July 2014 at the 1204th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies.
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1. Conditions: List here all conditions which were attached to the award or the renewal of the European Diploma. Explain either how the conditions have been totally complied with or detail the progress in complying with the conditions. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

a) At the initiative of the States concerned, resume the work of the intergovernmental committee as soon as possible;

As part of the preparation for the new South Eifel 2030 Nature Park Plan, four workshops on cross-border cooperation took place. An important point, which was included in the nature park plan as a short- to medium-term measure, is the re-convening of the German-Luxembourg Government Commission. In March 2017, the State Chancellery of Rhineland-Palatinate was also informed that the Luxembourg side wanted the Commission to meet again.

b) Engage in an in-depth analysis of the mission, the medium-term objectives and future structure of the Germano-Luxembourg Nature Park;

On this point, attention is drawn once again to the above-mentioned Southern Eifel Nature Park Plan, which provides for coordination with the Vereinigung Deutsch-Luxemburgischer Naturpark with regard to the points mentioned in the context of the "Cross-border Cooperation" workshop.

c) Define specifications and a road map for the drawing-up of a global management plan for the Germano-Luxembourg Nature Park incorporating those of the nature parks on its territory; prepare the management plan before the next renewal of the European Diploma falls due and ensure the funding required for its implementation;

It should be noted that the nature parks Südeifel (D), Our (L) and Möllerdall (L) are located in the area of the German-Luxembourg Nature Park. All three nature parks have drawn up current nature park plans with broad public participation and the involvement of all relevant actors, experts and decision-makers. These nature park plans form the basis for the sustainable development of the German-Luxembourg Nature Park.

2. Recommendations: List here all recommendations which were attached to the award or the renewal of the European Diploma. Explain either how the recommendations have been totally complied with or detail the progress in complying with the recommendations. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

a. Maintain and step-up consultation and collaboration between the parties concerned by the Our and Sûre basins, focusing on relations between the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg and the Rhineland-Palatinate Land;

The three nature park plans (in Luxembourg: Etude détaillée) enshrine cross-border cooperation as an objective/measure. The practical implementation of this objective is documented by a number of joint projects that have been running or will be continued since the last report in 2012: The joint INTERREG project "Accessibility without borders" has been renewed (2016-2020). The aim of this project is to make the sights of the German-Luxembourg Nature Park accessible to all, including people with disabilities. The INTERREG project "Dry-stone walls in the Greater Region" (2016-2010), whose partners (including the Möllerdall and Southern Eifel Nature Parks) are developing a joint concept for the preservation of dry-stone walls in the Greater Region. There is also intensive cooperation in the marketing, further development and maintenance of the premium hiking trails developed as part of the INTERREG project NaturWanderPark delux (2010-2012). Since 2016, the Our and Southern Eifel Nature Parks have been cooperating in the cultural tourism project "500 years of Thurn&Taxis postal routes" (anniversary event 2016 and annual living-history tours, joint homepage). The Möllerdall and Southern Eifel Nature Parks are engaged in intensive cross-border exchanges to protect and develop the orchard meadows.

b. Pursue public awareness-raising and information activities;

It should be noted that this is part of the calendar of events of the Our, Möllerdall and Südeifel nature parks and as part of the information work on the joint projects mentioned above.

c) Encourage the swift creation of the Mëllerdall-Kleine Luxemburger Schweiz Nature Park and incorporate it as far as possible in the Germano-Luxembourg Nature Park;

The Mëllerdall Nature Park was founded in 2016. It is the third nature park in Luxembourg after the existing nature parks Obersauer and Our. The establishment of the nature park took place within the framework of intensive citizen participation.

The establishment and management of nature parks in Luxembourg is regulated by the Nature Parks Act of 10 August 1993.

An important first step was the creation of the etude preparation - it was presented to the public in spring 2012 and provides a rough framework for action for the future nature park.

The Détaillée etude was launched in March 2013. This study can be understood as a kind of roadmap that defines and describes the themes and the financial framework of the nature park for ten years. The participation of the citizens was particularly important at this stage. On 23 March 2013, the opening event of the Etude Détaillée in Bech took place at the Centre Culturel Hanner Bra under the title "Building the Mëllerdall Nature Park - help shape your nature park".

Over a period of around 15 months, all people interested and active were able to participate in the development of the Etude Détaillée by contributing to working groups, developing project ideas or making comments on the minutes of the meetings, which were always available online by e-mail. Everyone could thus help to shape the future Mëllerdall Nature Park itself, provided, of course, that the ideas were consistent with the objective of the nature parks - i.e. the exemplary sustainable development of a region.

The finished Etude Détaillée was presented to the public in three information events (Echternach, Mëllerdall and Heffingen) in November 2014. Cross-border cooperation is part of the study.

d) Find a solution allowing aquatic fauna to pass or circumnavigate the obstacle of the Vianden hydroelectric dam;

Various possibilities were discussed both within the framework of the INTERREG project "Nat'Our" (dismantling of the weirs above the dam) and by the River Committee within the framework of the Our River Treaty project. Currently no feasible technical solutions for achieving consistency have been found.

e) Maintain vigilance with regard to leisure and sporting pursuits (camping, rock-climbing, canoeing, etc.).

A sustainable visitor guidance is part of the mentioned nature park plans and is taken into account in the designation of hiking trails and recreational facilities. The management plans (Plans de gestion) for the NATURA 2000 zones also contain specific protection targets.

3. Site Management: List here any changes to the European Diploma holding site management, in relation to both terrestrial and aquatic environments (as appropriate), and in relation to staff and finances, since the last annual report was submitted to the Council of Europe. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

To our knowledge, there have been no changes in both the terrestrial and aquatic environment and with regard to finances. In 2016 there was a change in the voluntary management of the German-Luxembourg Nature Park. Mr. Gordon Schnieder has resigned from office. Mrs. Daniela Torgau has taken over the management on a voluntary basis. She has also been full-time managing director of the South Eifel Nature Park (D) for many years.

4. Boundaries: Give details of any changes to the boundaries of the European Diploma holding site since the last annual report was submitted to the Council of Europe. If there are any changes, please attach an appropriate map to this report. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

There are currently no changes in the external borders of the German-Luxembourg Nature Park.

5. Other information: List here any other information about the European Diploma holding site which you consider should be provided to the Council of Europe.

No other information.

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The following sections of the form should only be filled in if your area is in the year before a renewal of its European Diploma for Protected Areas, i.e. year 4 after the award of the European Diploma or year 9 after its renewal.

6. Natural heritage (general abiotic description: geomorphology, geology and hydrogeology, habitats, flora, fauna, landscape) – State of conservation

- 6.1. Environment: changes or deterioration in the environment, of natural or anthropic origin, accidental or permanent, actual or anticipated
- 6.2. Flora and vegetation: changes in the plant population and in the vegetational cover; presumed causes
- 6.3. Fauna: changes in the sedentary or migratory populations; congregating, egg-laying and breeding grounds

7. Cultural heritage and socio-economic context

- 7.1. Cultural heritage
 - 7.1.1. Changes concerning cultural heritage
- 7.2. Socio-economic context
 - 7.2.1. Changes concerning the socio-economic context

8. Education and scientific interest

- 8.1. Visitors – Information policy
 - 8.1.1. Arrangements for receiving and informing the public (building, booklets, maps, cards, etc.)
 - 8.1.2. Frequentation by visitors and behavior (number, distribution in time and space)
 - 8.1.3. Special visits (distinguished persons, groups, etc.)
- 8.2. Scientific research
 - 8.2.1. Current or completed research (observation, experimentation, etc.; identification or inventory of the species listed in the appendices to the Bern Convention, etc.)
 - 8.2.2. Scientific publications

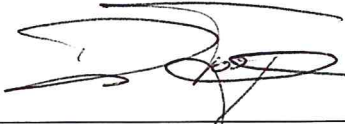
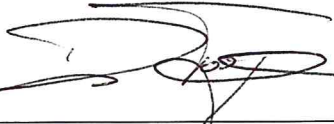
9. Site description (vulnerability, protection status, ownership, documentation)

- 9.1. Changes in legislation or regulations
- 9.2. Changes in ownership title (conversion to public property, rentals, etc.)
- 9.3. Extension or transfer, new uses (for example, conversion into total reserve)

10. Site management (management plans, budget and personnel)

- 10.1. Improvements made
 - 10.1.1. Ecological action affecting the flora and biotopes; controls of fauna
 - 10.1.2. Protection against the elements (fire, water regime)
 - 10.1.3. Approaches and thoroughfares (paths, roads, car parks, signposting, fencing, etc.)
 - 10.1.4. Field equipment (hides and study facilities)
 - 10.1.5. Waste management
 - 10.1.6. Use of renewable energy systems
- 10.2. Management
 - 10.2.1. Administrative department: changes made
 - 10.2.2. Wardens' department: changes made
 - 10.2.3. Internal policing measures
 - 10.2.4. Infringement of regulations and damage; legal action

11. Influence of the award of the European Diploma for Protected Areas

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